

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 30, 2004. Claims 1-3 and 5-16 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 15, and 16 are in independent form. Claim 4 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, and 14-16 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested. The canceled claim, Claim 4, will not be further addressed herein.

The title has been amended to make it more descriptive, as required in the Office Action.

The Office Action states that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The title has been amended to read as follows:

--IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS MANAGING USER PROFILES,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD MANAGING USER PROFILES, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM THEREOF--.

Applicant respectfully submits that the title, as amended, is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claims 1-3 and 5-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite, and under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement


The claims have been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that they conform fully to the requirements of Section 112, first and second paragraphs, with special attention to the points raised in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the Office Action. Specifically, the independent claims have been amended to include the feature of

adjusting an object of a plurality of printing objects on the basis of a user profile of a specified user and that the user profile contains information for adjusting the output of a print job. Support for this feature may be found at least at page 14, line 9, to page 15, line 8, page 16, line 13, to page 18, line 11, and Figure 6.¹ The independent claims have also been amended to include the feature of storing user profiles of a plurality of users. Support for this feature may be found at least at page 14, lines 15-17, page 20, lines -5, and Figures 19 and 20. It is believed that the rejections under Section 112, first and second paragraphs, have been obviated, and their withdrawal are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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¹/It is to be understood, of course, that the claim scope is not limited by the details of the described embodiments, which are referred to only to facilitate explanation.